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## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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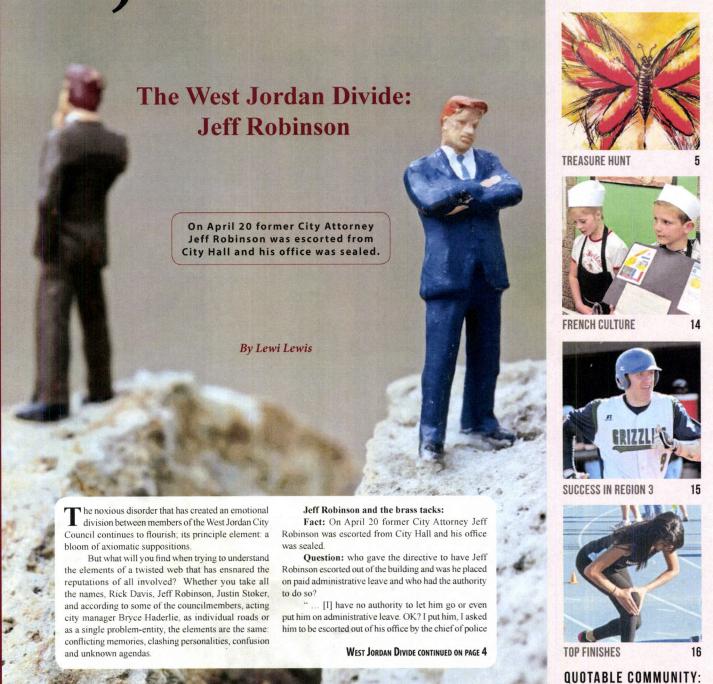
**SUMMARY:** 

Discuss and possibly establish accounting for paid advertising and to direct staff to draft a contract defining the publisher of the West Jordan Journal responsibility to the City and identifying paid articles in the publication as "paid for by West Jordan City"

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"The technology that's coming along is a little bit slow, but we are really, really hopeful that someday they will find a cure for it."

By Doug Foxley

uesday morning, I received the shocking

news that my dear friend Norm Bangerter

said about the former governor this week, but I had a unique attachment and relationship with the guy. I remember when I was deputy lt. governor and met with him for the first time. Here was a guy from the west side who beat an entrenched Democrat in the Watergate year. Upon meeting him, I understood why. He was smart, bright, commonsensical. He knew how to get things done and how to bring people along with him. He and Jim Hansen, who later became the longest serving congressmen in the history of our state, made a phenomenal duo with Hansen as speaker and Norm as majority leader. What I respected about these two is that they worked closely with Scott Matheson, the Democratic governor, and did what was right for the state. It was a golden era.

After Jim Hansen's election to Congress, the Republicans made Norm speaker. I dealt with many great speakers, a couple not so great, but without question, Norm was the best I personally ever dealt with. During this time, it was the tradition of the House that a speaker serve only one term and leave the body, but future speakers Garff, Karas, Brown, Bishop and others wanted Norm to be governor and elected him to an unprecedented second term. Up until this time, this had only happened one other time in the history of the state.

I became close to Norm and he asked me to run his campaign for governor in 1984. At the time, it was not certain whether popular Governor Scott Matheson would run again or not. Norm announced and Scott announced a week later that he was not running. Norm used to tease that once Matheson heard that he was running he got out of the race. This was not the case, but it was a fun jest.

### **Bangerter Tribute**

The race for the Republican nomination was tough. Bob Wright, who came close to beating Matheson in 1980 was running, Dan Marriott, a popular Republican Congressman from Utah decided to run as well as respected Utah State Senator Karl Snow. And yes, there was a gadfly in the race, former Salt Lake County Republican Chair Laura Ferguson. Norm and Colleen worked hard.

They spent an entire year on the road. We arranged for Republican House members, who all but a couple of RINOs, were not only death. There was then State Senator Paul Rogers who was a fundraising whiz, Dave Buhler, who took a leave from Senator Hatch's Office, L.J. Godfrey, Rick Evans, Taz Biesinger and so many others.

After coming in first in the State Republican Convention, we decided to do the unconventional and put what few resources we had into media hoping that when the first Dan Jones Poll came out that we would be within striking distance of Dan Marriott if not ahead. Dan was a good man, but we felt

initially just a secretary of state who later became lt. governor secretary of state. It was an amazing process for finding a candidate. In the end, it came down to two great guys, former Senator Doug Bischof who led the Reagan efforts in Utah, and an talented young state auditor from Orem named Val Oveson. In the end, Val was chosen, and he was an awesome lt. governor.

There are many stories I could tell, but I will spare you. You all know about Kennecott shutting down along with Geneva Steel just weeks before Norm was inaugurated. You know about the floods, the pumps, and his leadership to save education. The repudiation by the U.E.A., the race with Ted Wilson and Merrill Cook. In the end, after being 30 points behind, we won 41, 38 for Wilson, and 22 for Cook But what you don't know is that Norm was a good, decent human being who never did anything wrong. There is not an off color joke, story, or any inappropriate behavior with respect to anyone. He was a problem solver who never started life out thinking he would be governor. His natural talents and abilities continued to open doors and opportunities for him.

One cannot talk about Norm and his legacy without thinking about all of the people that he brought into state government: Dave Adams, Dave Grant, Kirk Green, Dave Johnson, Julie Orchard, Judy Schiffman, Steve Mecham, Francine Giani, Dave Buhler, John T. Nielsen, Bud Scruggs, Carol Nixon, Bonnie Stevens, Ed Leary, Alice Shearer, Leigh Vonderesch and oh so many more. Their legacy, like his, is one of true public service and behaving in a manner that public servants should.

Norm, I will miss you, but you taught me many things. You were a true friend and mentor and may your reunion with Colleen be a sweet one. Thanks for being who you were, a humble carpenter from Granger, Utah, who served this state well.

> Sincerely, Doug Foxley



supporting Norm but they agreed to hold meetings in their homes for all of the friends and former delegates. What was amazing, is that even though Karl Snow was a most effective state senator, the majority of Utah state senators endorsed Norm and worked hard holding events for him in their homes.

It was a real grassroots effort aided by the late great Julie Orchard and Judy Schiffman, Norm and Colleen's neighbor who later served as Colleen's assistant and took care of Colleen when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and subsequently married Norm after Colleen's

that there was not strong support for him. Our assumption was correct, and when Dan's first KSL-Deseret News Poll came out we were ahead. The money was tight, but after that poll it started coming in and we went on to beat Dan Marriott and Karl Snow in the Republican primary and handily defeated former Congressman Wayne Owens in November to make Norm the first Republican governor in Utah in 20 years.

1984 was a unique time, for it was the first time that a governor and lt. governor ran in tandem. Prior to that time, there was

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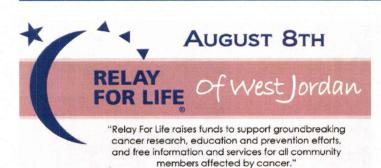
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and we sealed his office, and I did so what I [thought] was based on what I was instructed by the council," Mayor Kim Rolfe said during an interview on Friday.

But Chief of Police Doug Diamond remembers it differently

"We went into Robinson's office. The Mayor started talking to Robinson and told him that he was going to be escorted from the building. The Mayor further explained that the council had decided to accept his resignation and that he was putting Robinson on paid administrative leave," he said.

Find: other than opinion and speculation, what Rolfe was "instructed" to do by the council cannot be clarified: it was reportedly given during a closed door session in which the city manager was not present; councilmembers are not allowed to disclose what is discussed in a closed door meeting.

Fact: according to city and state code under the managercouncil form of government, any directive given by the majority council can only be carried out by the city manager.

Question: why was acting city manager Bryce Haderlie not present in the closed door meeting on Friday, April 17 where it was "decided" that Robinson would be placed on paid administrative leave?

"There was a meeting on Friday before Jeff was escorted out of the building," Haderlie said in a phone interview on Sunday. "I was told [by Rolfe] I wasn't needed at that meeting."

Rolfe agreed when asked if it was true that Haderlie was not invited to the meeting. "Yes, that's correct. He was not invited to the meeting."

It is unclear as to why Haderlie was not invited.

"I was available but for some reason I wasn't invit-

ed," he said

Councilmember Chad Nichols says the law is clear. "State law dictates the City Manager shall, "attend all meetings of the council and take part in its discussions and deliberations."

"It's kind of hard for me to do something if I never had a conversation with the Mayor about it."

When Rolfe was asked if this was indeed law, he said, "I don't think so.

Question: Haderlie wasn't present on April 20 either, or was he?

"The city manager was not there. On Monday or Tuesday that week to do what the council directed," Rolfe said, defending his decision to take initiative.

"I have four pages of notes just for that day," Haderlie said when asked why he wasn't in the building the day Robinson

Chief Diamond aligns with Haderlie. "While going to the [Robinson's] office I asked if Haderlie was in the building," he said. "The Mayor said that Haderlie was upstairs but he refused to do this (meaning escorting Robinson out of the building)."

Question: if the city manager, in fact, is not present or refuses to carry out a directive of the majority of council, is authority up for grabs?

"It's kind of hard for me to do something if I never had a conversation with the Mayor about it," Haderlie said.

Explaining his role, Haderlie says, "State law says that I'm the chief executive officer of the city and no member of the council has legal authority to do anything with personnel."

Councilman Southworth points out when given a hypothetical, "Even if a City Council inappropriately directs one of its members to take on an executive role ... that individual is under zero obligation to comply and has every right to refuse."

When Rolfe was asked if his actions on Monday, April 20 went against the grain of state and city code, he said, "I don't know ... all I know is that it was at the will of the majority of the council."

Fact: The legislative body, of a manager-council form of government, appoints a city manager to oversee the administrative operations, implement its policies, and advise it. The position of "Mayor" present in this type of legislative body is a largely ceremonial title, and may be selected by the council from among its members or elected as an at-large council member with no executive functions.

o pull fact from opinion is iffy at best, prejudicial at worst. It is no secret that the fight unfolding between the seven councilmembers is emotional, animated and even personal (the audio of the April 29 council meeting alone is enough to prove this. You can listen to it on our website and hear for yourself: westjordanjournal.com).

So what then?

Jeff Robinson is just one of the effects of a much deeper. inherent cause that exists somewhere within City Hall.

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#### **Deseret Industries Treasure Hunt**

#### By Crystal Couch

A known phrase, "Put it in the DI box," refers to a mythical box known and rarely seen, yet existing in many Utah households. "It was not until I married," Christine Everill said, "that I found out 'put it in the DI box' was not a standard phrase in all families. My husband had no idea what a DI box was, or where I was keeping this box." Everill is an occasional buyer from Deseret Industries, or the "DI".

The DI is a staple for many households. Residents visit it, purchase from it, donate their used items to it and some are employed by it.

The DI is a thrift store that survives off donations from the community, and their merchandise changes daily. It ranges from typical household finds (dishes, kitchen tables, couches) to clothes, toys and bikes. One of Everill's favorite finds was a gorgeous 1920's buffet. "Our past is filled with histories and stories. Items from the past connect us to those stories, so all of my favorite finds usually come with a history lesson attached," she said.

You do not need to be a pirate to find a treasure if you choose to take a trip to the local Deseret Industries. "I shop at DI because it is fun; it's like treasure hunting for adults," Everill, said

So, you have your once-a-month shoppers



This is a Deseret Industries find, a glass light cover the has been flipped over and used as a flow pot by Melanie Adamson.

items first. She warned they are known for being pushy and a little feisty.

During a few of her hauls, she has brought home a number of items. "Every corner of my house is filled with awesomeness from DI. Some of my favorites include a 3D geometrical mirror, lamps, a mid-century butterfly painting, and a glass light cover that I flipped into a



A mid-century painting, another Deseret Industries find by Melanie Adamson.

like Christine, and then your self-described regulars, like West Jordan resident Melanie Adamson. "I stop in between 2-3 times a week. The best time to go is right when they open because they are bringing out the carts full of 'new' items. But beware of the 'couch sitters'," she warns. Adamson describes 'couch sitters' as people who sit and wait for the carts to come out so they can get to the newly-available

flower pot.

Whether you are an occasional shopper to your local Deseret Industries or a religious buyer from their shelves, anyone who stops by and makes a purchase is in some form supporting their local community as a whole. To learn more about the DI and how they serve others, visit their website at <a href="http://deseretindustries.org/?lang=eng">http://deseretindustries.org/?lang=eng</a>.

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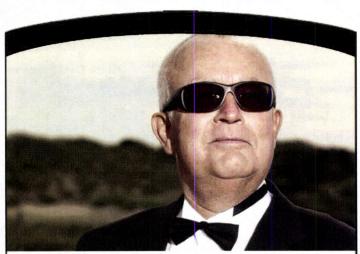
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### Taking Steps To Help Fight Digestive Disease

By Crystal Couch

Leven-year-old Austin Ashby from West Jordan is one out of 700,000 estimated Americans living with Crohn's disease; he was first diagnosed at the age of 9. Crohn's disease is a chronic inflammatory condition of the gastrointestinal tract.

Austin and his family are speaking out about his disease to encourage local residents to attend the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation's "Take Steps Walk" on Saturday, June 6, from 3 - 6 p.m. at Wheeler Historic Farm, where Austin is being celebrated as the honorary hero. "They are planning a one-mile walk," said Shawn Ashby, Austin's father "There will be a registration tent where people can come and register the day of or donate, if they would like to. There will be a lot of kids' activities, face painters, photo booth, live music and Austin will start the walk out since he is the honorary hero."

This hero is only in the fifth grade, but his father describes him as very brave. "He gets a weekly infusion of Remicade at Primary Children's Hospital. They insert an IV and he does not like needles," he said. "We found this great numbing cream we put on him about a half hour before his infusion, and then we sit there for four hours, watch videos and eat food. He has been really courageous." With the help of Remicade, Austin is back to doing some of his favorite things: playing on his Kindle, enjoying sports and reading



Austin Ashby and his family want to get the word out about Crohn's disease at the June 6 event "Take Steps Walk." Photo courtesy of Shawn Ashby

books like other children his age. One of the biggest changes since being diagnosed with this disease has been Austin's diet. "This has affected our family as a whole. The things he can't eat the rest of us can, so we try not to eat those things around him," said Austin's father.

This is the Ashby's second year doing the walk, but the first with Austin being the honorary hero. They really believe in the organization that puts this on yearly. "CCFA puts in a lot of money towards research," said Shawn. "The technology that's coming along is a little bit slow, but we are really, really hopeful that someday they will find a cure for it. They have made some great strides and narrowed down on some of the chromosomes and genes that cause Crohn's and Colitis."

### Volunteers Beautify West Jordan On 'Comcast Cares Day'

By Taylor Stevens

I undreds of West Jordan volunteers participated in a national day of service as part of the 14th annual Comcast Cares Day on Saturday, April 25, according to a news release from the corporation.

The West Jordan volunteers participated in various projects, including cleaning, painting, planting trees, weed removal and general landscaping in the 7800 South 4000 West and 5445 West New Bingham Highway areas.

Together, the volunteers planted over 100 trees and helped spread soft fall on playgrounds and bark mulch around trees, said West Jordan mayor, Kim Rolfe.

"It's always great to see the community come together to help beautify our city during Comcast Cares Day," Rolfe said. "I am very happy with all we accomplished and appreciate Comcast for taking the lead."

Comcast Cares Day is one of the largest single-day, corporate-sponsored volunteer efforts in the country, said the press release.

Comcast said it expected more than 95,000 volunteers nationwide to participate in its day of service. Across the Wasatch Front, 8,000 volunteers participated in 11 projects.

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he Utah Mathcounts State competition was held in Salt Lake Community College on March 7th where 150 top Mathletes ranging from 6th to 8th grade from all over the state participated. After the written round, top 10 participants are selected for the Countdown Round where tough math problems are projected on a screen and mathletes have 45 seconds to buzz in to reveal answers. Based on this, top four Mathletes are selected to represent Utah at the National Mathcounts Competition in Boston, Mass. ts in May.

The top four individuals in ranking are Tarun Kumar Martheswaran (6th grade), Alex Cheng (8th grade), Alan Zhao (8th grade) and Nathan Fang (8th grade). All these students are from Midvale Middle School.

Tarun Kumar (pictured at right) who is the youngest in the team took first place at the District level and then first place at the Regional level before winning the State championship. He mentioned that hard work and persistence are key in winning these competitions. He also mentioned that, "Seeing my sister, Tanisha compete in Mathcounts and representing Utah two years in a row was a huge motivational factor in wanting to compete. I also owe my success to the Kumon Math program that has given me a very strong foundation and speed "

Tarun Kumar says that he needs to keep working hard to keep up with his Math skills and prepare for the National competition which is just around the corner. He added that, "Participating in these competitions



has given me a taste of success and a never ending love for Math. It's a great feeling to be able to excel at something you're passionate about. "

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#### **4Truck Firehouse Food**

#### By Crystal Couch

Since a young age, Scott Thorell of West Jordan has had the passion for cooking, music and arts. "I started working in restaurants at the age of 11," he said. He has lived a very ambitious life since, as he stated, "I have been in fire service for 22 years now; I was also a flight medic for 15 years." Thorell is currently the captain for Unified Fire Authority. "Last August I needed to do something different, and so I found a truck on eBay," he said. He wanted to get back to his passion, so in 2015 he put this dream into action and introduced the city to 4Truck. He turned this 1963 eBaybought retro taco truck into a one-of-a-kind, firehouse-themed food truck.

The truck was named 4Truck in remembrance of the New York Fire Department rescue truck, Rescue 4. The truck responded to the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on New York. Eight men arrived on this truck, but all were killed

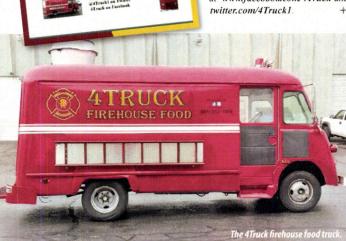
Captain Scott Thorell of Unified Fire Authority.



when the South Tower collapsed.

Captain Thorell has been cooking for the last 40 years, and the type of food he offers on his food truck is comfort firehouse foods. He now offers the city the same food he has been feeding his firefighters for years. His menu ranges from ribs and meatloaf to chili Colorado burritos with varying sides.

He is really hoping to leave his mark on West Jordan and gain a local following. Since he still serves his community as captain for Unified Fire Authority, his truck is currently only available for contract work. You can also follow 4Truck in social media for events and any local appearances at www.facebook.com/4Truck and twitter.com/4Truck1.



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In addition to cleaning and landscaping, volunteers also assisted shelter animals and the homeless, and helped improve schools and senior and youth centers.

"We're honored to partner with these

local schools, cities and organizations to work together to improve our community," said Kyle McSlarrow, Comcast regional senior vice president. "I'm grateful to the thousands of volunteers who donate their time each year to help make such a big difference on Comcast Cares Day."





#### City Council: Bullies, Tattletales And Liars

#### Editorial By Bryan Scott

am sure there are plenty of publishers and editors within am sure there are picing of published the newspaper industry that love the opportunity to write an editorial. I am not one of those individuals. I like the facts, I like everything above board and in the open. So today I find myself having to write an editorial for the first time in my career. This frustrates me at best.

Recently it has become very clear that the West Jordan City Council has a damaging divide. I fully realize that these elected and appointed officials are in their respective positions to allow for effective government, and that as individuals they will have varying opinions and disagreements. In the United States we have accepted that this is politics, particularly on the federal level

That said, what is currently going on inside City Hall is much less acceptable. 5 versus 2 or 2 versus 5. That is what we have within our city council as of today. It doesn't take long for anyone attending a council meeting to quickly realize this.

I have had the opportunity over the last year and half to meet Mayor Rolfe and have built what I would call a professional friendship with him. I have felt that the Mayor has been honest and open with me. I have also gotten to know Councilman Haaga, whom I also feel has been honest and open with me. So imagine my distaste when over the last week as I start to drill down into some of the topics plaguing the council and city, I find that much of what these two have stated is either half truth a shadow of the truth or an outright lie

At this point the best way I can describe these two's actions through their dealings with city business, is like two school kids with their finger pointing at the other kids, fully knowing they have four fingers pointing back at themselves.

It seems that they are quick, if not eager, to blame others of wrong doings when they have clearly committed plenty

But it is hard to blame these two completely, when there is another side, right? Although maybe not said directly the other faction here believe that the Mayor (and Councilman Haaga) are over stepping their bounds, particularly the bounds and powers of the Mayor. Well, if this is true then why have the other five not taken action? What have they done to stop this abuse? From what I can see, very little.

Councilman Southworth, you took your office promising under oath that you would do what is best for the City of West Jordan. But you standby nearly idle when you believe your mayor runs rogue. You sat on the council and placed the position of the mayor as a full-time employee with a salary costing the city over \$100,000 per year. Now it is time to reign in that position and you have openly stated you will not seek reelection. If you don't clean this up, who will?

If what you say about the Mayor is correct, why would you idly standby and not fix the issue you helped create. Why would you leave your position now, knowing that the very person you think is trying to bully power from the council may gain power through your departure.

So just to be clear.

Mayor Rolfe: Shame on you if you are operating within your position with little regard to the city code that addresses such. Shame on you for hiding behind half-truths and closeddoor sessions and active investigations. Shame on you if you took a position as Mayor if you didn't plan on operating within the powers of the office.

Councilman Haaga: Shame on you if you are encouraging and/or acting less than professional. Shame on you if you are pushing for an investigation on a former council-member for taking a job or personally benefiting from his position, if you yourself know that you have personally benefited from your identical position.

Councilmen Southworth and Nichols: Shame on you if you are going around and telling media and individuals that the Mayor (and Councilman Hagga) are operating outside their powers, if you are not actively trying to stop it. Shame on the both of you if you are leaving your office, knowing that by leaving you may be doing what is worse for the city. Shame on you if don't take action against someone you describe as a bully

Without a doubt I am sure that each of these individuals will say that I am wrong. They will show evidence that make it appear that I am wrong. I implore each and every resident of West Jordan to look at these pieces of evidence and ask yourself if it is the complete truth, or is it another shadow game or half truth? I write this to help inform the public, encourage them to research and get involved. Because the next time I write on this matter, I don't want to have to say Shame on the Residents. All these individuals that lie to you once, shame on them. Allow it again, shame on you.

Here is an idea. Let's get past this. Let's clear up the definition of the responsibilities, duties, and powers of the Mayor. Let's make sure that each and every one of our city officials, elected or appointed are operating in such a manner, which is consistent with what is best for the City. Let's remember why you are there.

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- · Medical records · Nursing floors
- · Emergency room
- · Materials distribution
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